

Greenfield's past is well represented by its historic meeting house. The town's other notable landmarks include the Crotched Mountain Foundation, a rehabilitation center for handicapped children, the County Covered Bridge, Yankee Siege, a onetime world record holding trebuchet, and Greenfield State Park.

On behalf of all Granite Staters, I am pleased to offer my congratulations to the citizens of Greenfield as they celebrate 225 years of exemplifying what is best about our home, and I thank them for their many integral contributions to the life and spirit of New Hampshire.●

TRIBUTE TO KENNETH KUEHN

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Kenneth Kuehn who earlier this month left the position of Wisconsin State adjutant and chief operating officer of the Disabled American Veterans, DAV, after 11 years. As Ken steps down from his leadership role with the Wisconsin DAV, I want to acknowledge Ken's service to Wisconsin and our Nation.

Ken is a Vietnam war veteran who began his U.S. military service in April 1971. He is a longtime member of the DAV Kenosha Chapter 20 in Wisconsin, with 34 years as a DAV member. Before becoming the Wisconsin DAV State adjutant and chief operating officer in 2005, Ken served as the Wisconsin department commander from 1996 to 1997.

I hope all of my colleagues will join me in offering our congratulations to Ken Kuehn and his wife, Lynn. Ken has dedicated his time, talents, and energy to serving the finest among us, our Nation's veterans. I thank Ken for his service and wish him continued success in the future.●

TRIBUTE TO JOHN NIEBERGALL

● Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I come to the floor today to honor a great educator in my home State. John Niebergall of Sherwood, OR, has been recognized as a White House "Champion of Change." John's tremendous recognition and White House visit is well deserved. As an educator for more than 30 years, he has provided so many students at Sherwood High School with hands-on learning opportunities that prepare them for a 21st century career after graduation.

On May 4, I had the opportunity to visit Sherwood High School to witness firsthand the remarkable projects students were turning out in John's Mobile Makerspace. Students enrolled in his career and technical education programs—otherwise known as CTE courses—showed me their expertise handling a laser-cutter and a 3-D printer. John's students also have access to a welding shop and woodworking shop, where one student showed me a guitar he was building. It was clear to see that students participating in John's classes were excited about their work and motivated to be creative in the workspace.

Research has shown that students enrolled in CTE courses graduate from high school at a higher rate, and stu-

dents enrolled in these courses are more likely to show up to class. After getting a tour of John's engineering classes and woodshop classes, it is no surprise to me that Sherwood High School is a high-performing school. The connection between good CTE programs and student success could not be clearer.

I am committed to supporting programs like the ones John teaches in Sherwood and will continue to do all that I can to provide Federal and State-funded career and technical education courses at more schools in my home State. His model can—and should—be replicated around the country. That is why I was thrilled to take a ride in his "Fab-Lab" mobile trailer that was full of computers and manufacturing equipment. He takes this mobile trailer on the road to connect with other CTE teachers in Oregon. When teachers like John collaborate with other educators, more students benefit.

As part of the "Champions of Change" program, the White House recognizes Americans who are making positive changes in their communities. There is no doubt John is doing just that. I commend John for teaching a diverse course load that exposes students to the many different types of CTE fields they could pursue after high school.

To finish, I want to send a big thank you to everyone at Sherwood High School for allowing me to visit. And I want to send a big congratulations to John for this tremendous recognition. I look forward to working with him to promote Career and Technical Education programs in Oregon and across the country.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 5293. An act making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5471. An act to combat terrorist recruitment in the United States, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 5471. An act to combat terrorist recruitment in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 5293. An act making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, and for other purposes.

PRIVILEGED NOMINATIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

On request by Senator Schumer, Senator Whitehouse, and Senator Warren,

under the authority of S. Res. 116, 112th Congress, the following nominations were referred to the Committee on Finance:

Charles P. Blahous, III, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund for a term of four years. (Reappointment)

Charles P. Blahous, III, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund for a term of four years. (Reappointment)

Charles P. Blahous, III, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund for a term of four years. (Reappointment)

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-5790. A joint communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State and the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the ongoing bilateral security relationship between the United States and the Republic of Cyprus; to the Committees on Armed Services; and Foreign Relations.

EC-5791. A joint communication from the Secretary of Defense and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, transmitting a request relative to issuing a travel restriction on senior officials' travel to Iraq for the period of June 15, 2016 through August 31, 2016; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5792. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of General Frank J. Grass, Army National Guard of the United States, and his advancement to the grade of general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5793. A communication from the Honors Attorney, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Civil Penalty Inflation Adjustments" (RIN3170-AA62) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 15, 2016; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5794. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Wyoming: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions and Incorporation by Reference" (FRL No. 9947-06-Region 8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 16, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5795. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "South Dakota: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions and Incorporation by Reference" (FRL No. 9947-04-Region 8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 16, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5796. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval, Disapproval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Partial Approval and Partial Disapproval of Air Quality Implementation Plans and Federal Implementation Plan; Utah; Revisions to Regional Haze State Implementation Plan; Federal Implementation Plan for Regional Haze" (FRL No. 9947-42-Region 8) received in the Office of the President of the